

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Hugh Sharkey and Gary S. Fanton	Art Unit :	3769
		Examiner :	David M. Shay
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Title :	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF SOFT TISSUE		

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2008

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: